

Northcote Postgraduate Scholarship 2026 – Reference Request Form

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Section A: for the attention of the applicant

Please complete your details on page 2 of this form, save it and email to your referee. The filename should be "NCT26-<your-surname>-REF-<referee-surname>". E.G. NCT26-SMITH-REF-BROWN.pdf

Please add northcote@britain-australia.org.uk as "cc" on your email so that we know to expect the document.

Section B: for the attention of the referee

Dear Sir/Madam

The person who has sent you this form is an applicant for a grant under the Northcote Graduate Scholarships Scheme administered by this office. The scheme is administered by the Britain-Australia Society on behalf of the Northcote Trust.

Scholarships are to enable students ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom to undertake a higher degree at an Australian university for a period of up to three years. Applicants must ascertain their eligibility for an Australian graduate programme. There are no limitations as to the field of study. Preference will be given to applications where there is a clear reason for study to be undertaken in Australia. **The Trust will only accept applications for PhDs and Master's programmes with a significant research-based component. Please note the Trust does not support solely professional qualifications for Master's level study.** The scholarship will provide economy class return air fares to Australia, payment of compulsory fees and charges at an Australian university and an inclusive allowance paid quarterly. Successful candidates must make the outward journey within the first calendar year of the award being granted, subject to any United Kingdom or Australian government guidelines or regulations restricting or prohibiting travel or entry visa arrangements ("the Restrictions"). In the event of any such Restrictions, successful candidates must make the outward journey as soon as possible upon the lifting of the Restrictions subject to the prior written approval of the Northcote Trust.

I would be most grateful if you would write in confidence to me about the applicant's academic qualifications. Specifically, would you please indicate their ranking amongst students you have taught at this level: top 1%; top 5%; top 10%; top 15%; below top 15%.

Please also comment on their:

- character
- suitability for a scholarship, and
- any aspects which you feel would help us make a decision in a highly competitive situation.

It is requested that you limit this please to one page.

To meet our Selection Committee deadline the form must be received before 5:00pm Friday 28 August 2026.

It is preferred to receive the reference electronically from your organisational email address. If you are unable to respond electronically, please contact this office and we will do our best to accommodate an alternative method.

If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact me as below.

Yours faithfully

Marina Cleveland

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Marina Cleveland
Northcote Trust Administrator

Applicant details	
<input type="text"/>	
Forename(s)	
<input type="text"/>	
Surname	

THE NORTHCOTE TRUST
AUSTRALIA CENTRE
MELBOURNE PLACE
LONDON WC2B 4LG UK

Referee details	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Title	Position
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Forename(s)	Surname
<input type="text"/>	
Organisation	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	City / Town
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address line 2	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address line 3	Telephone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address line 4	Mobile
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Email
	<input type="text"/>

Please note the approximate number of students in the applicant's cohort _____

Please tick the applicant's ranking within that cohort below:

Top 1%;

Top 5%;

Top 10%;

Top 15%;

Below top 15%;

Further details (incl. academic qualifications, comments on character and suitability etc):